



California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.
The CIMC Movement: Creating Positive Change for Native Communities

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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- We do not plan to spend funds under this heading.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- We will purchase COVID-19 testing to be used with all of our parents, providers, our children, our tribes, and community members located throughout our service area. While we realize COVID-19 testing is available for free in many locations, many of our tribes are located in rural areas and many of our tribal members do not have transportation to get to testing sites. Through the use of this specific COVID-19 testing, the results of the test will be available within 15 minutes. Current testing results take an hour or longer. This test not only tests for COVID-19, it tests each person for the amount of antibodies they have. This could also help new providers to be able to open their centers and utilize our program. This testing program is not only able to test for COVID-19, but it can test for various health conditions, such as diabetes. Diabetes runs high in the Native American community. If this testing can help to make a person aware of the fact that they are susceptible to diabetes, we are able to help them change their lifestyle, so that they do not get diabetes.

3. Grants or Assistant (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Mini grants will be offered to our current providers. Providers can use the funds to purchase cleaning supplies, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), etc. needed for their facility. Mini grants will also be available to new providers, helping them to be able to obtain the same type of items offered to current providers. We will also offer the opportunity for our providers to order educational materials that they can use with the children. They can order education materials from vendors such as Lakeshore.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic –

- We will offer mini grants to providers who have not utilized our program. The mini grants are the same as offered in #3. If technical assistance is needed by a provider, we will do what we can to assist the provider, in any way possible. This could include resources, staff training, health and safety training.
- The COVID-19 testing program will also be offered to providers who have not utilized the program prior to this pandemic. The use of the COVID-19 testing can help providers to re-open or to monitor their center.

The California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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